

Roads would decide among themselves losing 14 million dollars, you know, we have lost 14 million of an estimated over a six year period billion dollars, we are going to have to close the Kennedy Freeway, we are not going to do that change. I am really fascinated at the political ramifications of that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I suspect that would not happen. I suspect that if they said, yeah, we lost \$14 million, an infinitesimal percentage of the \$1 billion we are going to be working with, we are going to have to close some of these other major projects, I don't think that is going to happen. They may have to slow down in certain cases what they are doing. They may have to say that one thing we were going to add on with the extra money we may not be able to add on yet. But to start throwing out the red herrings and fear tactics, I've expected it. I don't criticize it because it is their job to do that, but let's talk about the issue sometime. Sometime in the arguments let's talk about the issue. Is it a reasonable policy to take a very small portion of taxpayers' money to fund two items that taxpayers, the people of Nebraska, feel are very legitimate policy questions, and that is education...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and roads, and I am not trying to destroy the Highway Trust Fund. I am not trying to destroy every bridge. I am not destroying every county road in my county. I am saying we can do well in those areas, and we can responsibly use the funds that we have to also improve in another area.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And that is what we need to discuss.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Moore a question or two. Senator Moore, would it offend you if I acknowledged that I hadn't caught any of the radio or television presentations that you had made discussing...